



Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2020

Call to Order

On September 17, 2020 a meeting of the West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited was held via conference call and called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. Jim Christie- Council Chairman.

Attendance

Council Members Present	Chapter Reps Present	Other Attendees
Jim Christie, Council Chairman (MCTU) Lee Orr, NLC Rep & Past Chair (SFTU) Roman Stauffer, Vice-Chair South (ENCTU) Don Harding, Vice-Chair North (BCTU) Larry Orr, Treasurer (ENCTU) Randy Kesling, Enviro Chair (MCTU) Eric Condon, Secretary (SFTU)	Brad Riffie, MCTU	
Council Members Not Present	Chapters Not Present	
	Upper Ohio Valley Southern WV PPK	

Based on attendance a quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes

[Action: A motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes with no changes was made, seconded, and carried without debate.]

Executive Committee Reports

- 1) Jim Christie, Chairman- Jim discussed the need for an update on the EAS grant that WVCTU received; POC Jake Lemon. He also discussed the uncertainty regarding the removal of C&R waters that occurred at a recent WVDNR meeting.
- 2) Roman Stauffer, VC South- Roman discussed ENCTU's experience with Zoom meetings and the chapter's effort to find a way forward with TIC during COVID restricted school conditions.
- 3) Don Harding, VC North- reported that BCTU was able to conduct their spring banquet just before COVID restrictions and donated some of the money from it to other chapters. He also talked about their use of Zoom to hold meetings.

- 4) Larry Orr, Treasurer- Larry provided Council with a budget update; there was \$12,320 in the bank account with \$1500 for PHWFF and \$500 each for SFTU and SWVCTU payments pending.
- 5) Eric Condon, Secretary- presented the updated Council By-laws for Council Officers to review/edit. Recommended voting to adopt at the next meeting.

Conservation Committee Report

- 1) Randy Kesing, Committee Chair- working on a plan to find causes for the committee to focus its attention on and a better way to communicate.

Awards Committee Report

- 1) Lee Orr- will present Jim Christie with a Silver Trout Award for his work as Council Chair for the past three years.

Nomination Committee Report

- 1) Lee Orr- the nomination committee proposed the following WV TU members to fill Council Officer positions for the next year, effective upon a favorable vote:
 - a) Council Chair- Brad Riffie
 - b) NLC Rep- Roman Stauffer
 - c) VC North- Don Harding
 - d) VC South- VACANT
 - e) Treasurer- Jim Christie
 - f) Secretary- Eric Condon

[Action: A motion to accept the Nominating Committee's proposal was made, seconded, and carried without debate.]

Other Reports

- 1) WV Trout Management Plan, Larry Orr- Larry is a member of the Stakeholder Committee representing WVTU. He reported on meeting activities and plan progress.
- 2) TU Climate Change effort- Larry, Jim, and Brad discussed national TU's desire to find state representatives to collaborate on a climate change workgroup.

Unfinished Business

- 1) STA for John Schmidt, USFWS (ret.) was done and passed on to MCTU for presentation to Mr. Schmidt

New Business

- 1) Council Elections (see Nomination Committee Report above)

Announcements

- 1) Upcoming events
 - a. Davis Run-for-it virtual run/walk, need to register and complete a run by 30 September
 - b. Next Council meeting TBA, CEC is an option, also Zoom

Adjournment

[Action: *Motion to adjourn, seconded, and carried.*]

Minutes recorded by:

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Eric Condon
WVTU Council Secretary